

Editorial Comments.

Have you noticed any of the new style leg muffs, just in from Paris?

The greek city of Lepante was severely shocked by an earthquake Friday.

A Parisman has paid \$5,000 for a specimen of a very rare variety of fleas, that are found on sea otters.

Several cases of smallpox have appeared among the Mexican refugees at El Paso and all of the 4,900 have been vaccinated.

A Milwaukee girl attacked by a man stabbed him so severely with her hat pin that he died a few days later of blood poison.

Another settler is disputing the title of an \$8,000 fruit ranch in California, recently purchased by the wife of President Wilson.

Hotel stewards of Atlanta have all agreed to serve no more veal, because the killing of young calves is an unwise curtailment of the next year's beef supply.

A Pennsylvania man requested during his last illness that he be buried in a coffin made from a walnut tree in his yard that he had planted himself and his wishes were carried out.

Encouraged by the acceptance of the theory that fevers are spread by mosquitos, Dr. John R. Littlefield, of Cumberland, Md., has advanced the theory that cancers are caused by bedbugs.

A big shipment of 2,000 boxes of Argentine butter has reached New York, laid down at 29 cents a pound. Another cargo of 5,000 boxes is coming and some of it will be sent to Boston and Chicago. Prices are declining.

The Harrisburg Herald has purchased one of the new type-setting machines called the "Intertype" and the paper will be machine-set in the future. The "Intertype" claims to be an improvement over the "Lino-type."

According to Dr. A. T. McCormack, health officer, there were 83-547 cases of hookworm treated in Kentucky last year. He says the spread of the disease is from drinking river water rendered impure by sewerage.

A house collapsed at Aurora, Ill., while a wedding party was in progress and the guests were dancing the tango in an upper room. The bride and groom were among the 20 or more injured, and the bride may die.

A Bulletin from the Bureau of Agriculture discusses a new tobacco worm called the phthorimaea operculella, which has made its appearance at Clarksville, Tenn., and raises four generations in a season. His name of course indicates just what he is.

The Senate has passed the Alaska railroad bill and the government will build 1,000 miles of road at a cost of \$40,000,000. Only 16 senators voted against it. The government ownership of railroads is another of the "Bryan hobbies" that the country has come to though both parties.

Two resolutions reflecting on Gov. McCreary have been killed in the House. The Governor has the confidence of all the people of Kentucky. He is a statesman recognized as such; a gentleman of character and culture; an executive of ability and experience and no man can truthfully question his honesty or integrity. No politician can build himself up by attacking a man of that sort.

Col. Geo. W. Goethals, the engineer who built the Panama Canal, has materially lessened his fame by agreeing to accept conditionally the position of Police Commissioner of New York City, a place regarded as far below a man of his calibre. One theory is that he wants to put himself in a position to demand anything he wants from the government and see what the President has in store for him.

NEW MATTERS
TAKEN UP

At Busy Session of The Hopkinsville Business Men's Association.

PHYSICAL R. R. CONNECTION

And Interurban Prospects Are Discussed and Committees Named.

The Hopkinsville Business Men's Association held another busy session Friday night with about forty members present. Vice-President W. R. Wheeler presided.

The Creamery Committee through Chairman Cowherd reported that the required number of cows to start the Fox Co's. creamery would be obtained without difficulty. Peter Fox & Sons Co. are asking free water and free sewerage and exemption from taxes for their whole plant for ten years. The city has no authority to exempt any of the plant except the manufacturing part and that for only five years. The water and sewerage company are private corporations. This part of their proposition is being looked into by the committee.

A. H. Eckles reported his visit to St. Louis to attend the regional bank meeting and Geo. E. Gary reported the result of the conference with the I. C. officials on coal rates. A general discussion of rates followed, participated in by several members. John C. Hooe said that the L. & N. road had shipped more coal here than ever before this season and had made up in this increase of business the reduction in the rates. The committee on a Tuberculosis Sanitarium reported that no opportunity would be had to confer with the Fiscal Court before the first Tuesday in February.

The following resolution endorsing Agriculturist Morgan was offered by Geo. E. Gary and unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, that this association wishes to go on record as endorsing the efficient work of Mr. Geoffrey Morgan, our county agriculturist, during the past year. We deem Christian county and the Christian County Crop Improvement Association extremely fortunate in securing the services of so proficient a man for this position and do hereby express our sense of his fitness for this special work, of his ready and sympathetic co-operation with the farmers of this community, and of his untiring energy and enthusiasm in upbuilding the agricultural interests of Christian county.

"Resolved that the fiscal court and the Crop Association be notified of our sincere feeling in this matter in a fitting manner, and of our anxiety that his services be secured for the ensuing year, if such arrangements have not already been effected."

M. C. Forbes started an enthusiastic discussion of an interurban railroad, participated in by several members. Mr. Forbes also asked that a committee be appointed to take up with the Railroad Commission the necessity of a physical connection between the L. & N. and I. C. railroads here. Both railroads have spurs into the yards of the Climax Mills and the Mogul Wagon Works, within six feet of each other, yet it is impossible to transfer a car from one to the other without a haul of nearly 80 miles around by Princeton and Nortonville and back to Hopkinsville.

M. C. Forbes, J. M. Neblett, Geo. D. Dalton and Mayor F. K. Yost were named as a committee to take it up with proper officials. B. W. Rowe, now in Bolivia, sent a letter of inquiry about interurban prospects and he secretary was directed to advise him that there was a fine opening in such enterprises.

SUPERVISORS RE-CONVENE.

The Christian County Board of Tax Supervisors re-convened yesterday and will be in session for five days hearing complaints from about 900 tax payers whose lists have been raised. If you get a notice you are included in the 900, otherwise you are all right.

CITY'S WATER
SUPPLY O. K.

No Chance of Water Giving Out For Three or Four Years.

SWALLOW SPRINGS STILL DRY

Cisterns Failing, Ponds Drying Up And Farmers Hauling Water.

While we have not had a ground-soaking, gully-washing rain for about a year, Hopkinsville has had no apprehension of a water famine, as it was generally known that the Water Company could in an emergency turn on water from Lake Tandy, the volume of which, as Manager Thomas Morris said two years ago, was sufficient to supply the city for three years without any rain.

But people in the country are not thus blessed and during the winter drouth many of them have been greatly inconvenienced by their cisterns failing and ponds drying up. Many of them have been hauling water for months. In the city people who have no water have had to call on their neighbors who have.

Swallow Spring, the dread of farmers living on the road which has been inundated for years, was drained last summer by Mr. C. R. Adams, and thus far he seems to have made a perfect job at it. But this cannot be determined until something like a flood comes along, say some of the people who live in that neighborhood. It is thought that local rains, no matter how heavy, will be a test, as there is certainly a subterranean stream, emptying into some large stream that overflows Swallow Spring. The many different kinds of fish that have been taken from the spring during the flood is sufficient proof of this.

It is a great thing for any town to have such a water supply as we have and it is a great thing to have such an enterprising water company; a company that was wise enough to secure a body of water years ago that is practically inexhaustible.

ELLIS ICE COMPANY

To Adopt Cash or Coupon System Feb. 1.

The Ellis Ice & Coal Company will on Feb. 1, adopt the cash and coupon system for the delivery of ice in the residence portions of the city. In other words the Company will do away with the credit system in the residence section and will require their men to get cash or coupons for all ice delivered. This plan will obviate the necessity of keeping accounts and remove all chance of mistakes, thereby safeguarding the customers as well as the Company. Coupons will be provided which the customer can purchase and keep on hand for use or they can pay the money for the ice when delivery is made. Coupons, in case the owner leaves the city or quits housekeeping can be redeemed in cash on presentation at the Company's office. This system is the most practical way of keeping a check on the amount of ice used. The plan has been adopted in nearly all of the large cities and has proven a great success.

NO GROUCH
AT PADUCAH

All Talk About Jumping The League Is In Your Eye.

BASSETT ON THE GROUND.

Brouthers Likely To Be Manager of The Indians Again.

Dr. Frank Bassett, president of the Kitty league, will be in Paducah on Monday to meet members of the baseball association and fans in general and renew his friendship and talk over the prospects for the approaching season. C. W. Craig, one of the local directors, was notified Saturday of his coming. From here President Bassett will go to Cairo, Ill., and meet the enthusiasts and members of the baseball association. He will make a trip over the circuit to rekindle the baseball fire and start the enthusiasm for the season. The president has many warm admirers here and they will be glad to see him. When Paducah won the 1913 gonfalon there wasn't a more pleased man in the league than President Bassett, for he had hoped Paducah would be on top when the season ended.

APPLICANTS FOR MANAGER.

Several applicants are after the management of the Paducah team next season. Business Manager B. B. Hook has received a number of requests for the position, most of them from qualified players, and all will be given consideration. A. H. Brouthers, who was manager last season, and to whom most of the credit was due for winning the pennant, is expected to be a candidate for the position this year.

The 1913 season probably netted Brouthers more money than any other manager in the league, as he received about \$1,200 for five months work. If he is employed again his salary will be reduced, as Business Manager Hook is of the opinion such a sum is too much salary to pay a Class D manager.

A purse of \$25 or \$50 will be offered to the baseball writer who produces the largest volume and best quality of baseball news during the season, the prize to be paid by B. B. Hook, business manager of the local association, and treasurer of the league. He believes that the prize will operate to the good of the league because the newspaper with knocks would be eliminated from the contest. Business Manager Hook contends that the writers should adjust themselves to the rule, "If you can't boost don't knock." The purse will be made payable to the writer of the baseball news and not the newspaper that publishes it. It will be open to all baseball writers on the circuit. He will make a provision that the newspapers must be mailed to him so he can watch the news and gossip. Every baseball writer in the league no doubt will enter the race, for the mere mention of money will make a newspaper man jump.—Paducah News-Democrat.

AGED LADY DEAD

"Aunt" Hettie Long Victim of Dropsy.

Mrs. Hettie Long died Saturday at her home in Crofton of dropsy, after an illness of some time, aged 88 years. The deceased was the widow of the late Thomas M. Long. She is survived by several children and one sister who is in her ninety-first year. "Aunt" Hettie, as she was familiarly known, was a most excellent lady, held in the highest esteem by every one who knew her. The interment took place in the Long burying ground Sunday.

CONFERENCE AT HENDERSON

A conference of representatives from Henderson, Owensboro, Bowling Green and Hopkinsville will be held in Henderson today to consider the proposed commission form charter for third class cities contained in the Duffy bill, and suggest any needed changes to make the charter satisfactory to all third class cities. Senator Bosworth, of Middlesboro, will accept the bill as a substitute for his bill in the Senate.

TELEPHONE
FRANCHISE

Committee Gathering Data To Formulate Franchise To Be Sold.

FISCAL COURT MEETS FEB'Y 5

Christian-Todd Co. Is Willing To Buy On Right Conditions.

It will be remembered that at the last meeting of the Fiscal Court a committee composed, Judge Knight, Attorney Smith and magistrates Morris, Rogers, Garrott and Hamby, was appointed to gather data and draw up a franchise for operating a telephone system in this county, the franchise to be sold to the highest bidder, the day of sale to be fixed by the court. The committee was directed to make its report at its next monthly meeting, Tuesday, February 5th.

Without any desire to revive the unsuccessful effort of the above named telephone company to operate its lines and fix its own rates, regardless of the fact that it had no franchise, the court, after the Court of Appeals had decided the point at issue, showed its willingness to get along on friendly terms with the company and will give it a chance to operate its system throughout the county.

Last Saturday Vice-President Hoxey of the company met with the committee and all matters were discussed in an amicable spirit. Whilst the Fiscal Court recognized that the people of the county cannot dispense with telephones, it only wants to protect them against exorbitant rates and require the company furnishing them to keep within legal limitations. Mr. J. M. B. Hoxey, the Vice-President, has full power to act while Mr. R. E. Cooper, the President, is absent. Mr. Hoxey is quoted as saying that "now that the court of appeals had definitely decided that the county had the right to require public service corporations doing business outside the incorporated cities to have a franchise prescribing their rights, the service they shall give, and rates to be charged, that the Christian-Todd company would be willing to buy same when it is offered, if a fair and equitable franchise is drawn."

The committee has an appointment for another conference with Mr. Hoxey next Thursday, after which it will be able to lay before the committee next Tuesday the result of its efforts in securing some reductions in tolls and submitting a franchise that will be purchased by the Christian-Todd Telephone Co.

Called Down But Not Censured.

The Senate Probe Committee on the Eastern Normal School recommended that the annual appropriation be cut down to \$50,000 and that the attorney general sell the farm purchased for the school for \$18,500. The gents were not censured. The report was approved and sent to the appropriations committee.

Wallace Kelly, of Houston, Texas, arrived Saturday on a brief visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kelly. He is going from here to New York on business.

ARRESTED
FOR MURDER

Silas Butler Wanted at Woodward, Okla., Arrested Yesterday.

LEFT THERE JANUARY 19TH.

Telegram Said That Butler Had Killed An Asylum Patient.

Sheriff Jewell Smith received a telegram Sunday afternoon from the Sheriff of Woodward, Oklahoma, telling him to be on the lookout for a man by the name of Silas Butler and if he could find him to hold him for further instructions. Butler was arrested yesterday morning and put in jail. Officer Mitchell shadowed Butler until Sheriff Smith came along and took him in charge. When arrested the only thing he said was, "This is h—, ain't it?"

Butler was an easy catch, as the Sheriff has known him all his life. Butler was born and raised in North Christian. How long since he left here is not known, but it has been some time. The information conveyed by the order of arrest is that Butler was working in Woodward and had murdered an inmate of an asylum and that he left there January 19th. The Sheriff had seen him on the streets several times before receiving the telegram. As the accused has not employed an attorney, it is presumable that he will not resist being taken back to Woodward.

NOTABLE OCCASION

In Which Mr. D. M. Whitaker Participated.

A writer at Troy, Tenn., in giving an account of a birthday dinner in honor of John Kavanaugh, says in part: "The great event of the week is the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Whitaker, of Hopkinsville, Ky., who are visiting their amiable daughter, Mrs. Price Moffatt. "Dan" is circulating freely among his old war comrades and from the laughter heard from any group where he may be, it is evident that there is the fun. On Friday, Dec. 19, there was assembled at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moffatt a party of old soldiers whose combined ages amounted to 597 years, in honor of Mr. Whitaker, who wished to test once more the gastronomic powers of his old comrades. The guests represented three regiments of confederates to-wit: General Dan Whitaker, Colonel Bill McDaniel, Captain Bob Maupin, of the 33rd Tennessee Infantry; Colonel Tom Inman, of the 27th Tennessee; General Dick Taylor, Brigadier-General J. Buss Brown, Colonel George Carmack and Private John Carmack, the last representing the Ninth Tennessee. Each of the guests on his arrival was tendered such a hearty welcome as only one of the noble family of Moffatts could extend. During the afternoon Mr. Whitaker rendered several patriotic selections and also did Private Kavanaugh, but when he recited "We Drank From the Same Canteen," the tears started from the eyes of these stern old men, and Colonel Inman recited that famous and feeling poem, "These Degenerate Days of the Aridity of Tennessee." At 3:30 p. m., as we were making our adieu we were requested by Mrs. Price Moffatt to arrange ourselves in order that she might take our pictures. Thus ended one of the most enjoyable events in our lives and one that will leave a most pleasing impression until we pass into the Great Bivouac."

A. J. Stephani, a life convict in the New York penitentiary, has inherited \$106,000. He is in for killing a man 20 years ago.